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ART UNIT: 3752
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☒ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the following non-English language references appears in the Appendix attached hereto: JP(U) 52-139915; JP(A) 60-187754; JP(U) 58-109555; and JP(A) 52-043032.

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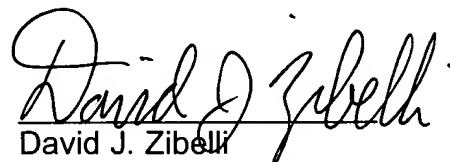
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☒ 10. English-language Abstracts of the following non-English language references are attached hereto: JP(A) 2000-073919; JP(A) 09-112392; WO 00/49287; and JP(A) 60-116848.

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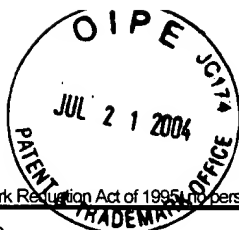
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APPENDIX

The relevance of the non-English language references is discussed below.

1. JP(U) 52-1339915. In a fuel injection valve, a cap nut is provided. The cap nut is screwed to a nozzle body at the portion where a nozzle hole is formed thereon.
2. JP(A) 60-187754. In a fuel injection valve, a cap which has a slit is provided. The cap is an insulator ring. A tip portion of a nozzle body is covered by the cap. A space is formed between the tip portion of the nozzle body and the cap.
3. JP(U) 58-109555. In a fuel injection valve, a spiral groove is formed on the surface of a needle valve of the fuel injection valve. Fuel is injected with a spiral flow to a pressurized chamber disposed between the needle valve and a nozzle body.
4. JP(A) 52-043032. In a fuel injection valve, a spiral groove is formed on the surface of a needle valve of the fuel injection valve. Fuel is injected with a spiral flow to a pressurized chamber disposed between the needle valve and a nozzle body.



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		JP(a) 2000-073919	Mar. 7, 2000	M. Antonio		Yes
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		WO 00/49287	Aug. 24, 2000	F. Boecking		Yes
		JP(A) 60-116848	Jun. 24, 1985	O. Minoru		Yes
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